

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled claims 1-19. New claims 20-34 have been added.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification and indicated that the abstract uses improper language. Applicants have submitted a substitute specification, including amendments to the Abstract, which accords with 37 C.F.R. §§1.71-1.74 and addresses the objections of the Examiner. No new matter has been added. The objection is believed moot in view of the new claims.

Objection to the Drawings

Applicants have canceled claims 1-19. New claims 20-34 have been added. With the new claims, the objection to the drawings is moot.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 1 and 15 have been canceled, and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 are therefore moot.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12-14 and 16-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12-14 and 16-19 have been canceled, and the provisional rejections of these claims are therefore moot. Further, each of the pending claims of copending application 10/760,075 have been canceled, and new claims have been added to clarify the claim language. The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 are therefore moot.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 12 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Navas (U.S. Patent No. 5,375,823). Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 12 and 15 have been canceled, and the rejections under §102(b) are therefore moot. The

Examiner has also rejected claims 2 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Navas (U.S. Patent No. 5,375,823). Claims 2 and 14 have been canceled, and the rejections under §103 are therefore moot. Applicants submit that new claims 20-34 are patentable over Navas.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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